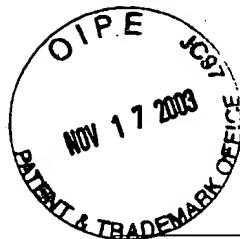


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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.56

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Applicant hereby references the related cases 09/903,180, 09/903,325, 09/903,170, 09/903,171, 09/903,323 & 09/903,187 all which were filed on July 11, 2001 as divisional applications to 09/552,988.

Applicant also hereby notifies the Examiner that we are abandoning the divisional applications cited above at this time, with the right to pursue the claims therein prior to the issuance of the present application.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted:

1. Within three months of the filing date of a national application other than a continued prosecution application under 37 CFR 1.53(d), or within three months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in 37 CFR 1.491 in an international application; or before the mailing date of a first Office action on the merits, and therefore, Applicant believes no fee is required;

2. After the period specified in paragraph (1) hereinabove of this section, but is being filed before the mailing date of either a final action under 37 CFR 1.113, or a notice of allowance under 37 CFR 1.311, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application, and is accompanied by one of the following:

(a) A statement that either:

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OR

(b) The fee of \$180 for filing of an Information Disclosure Statement as set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(p).

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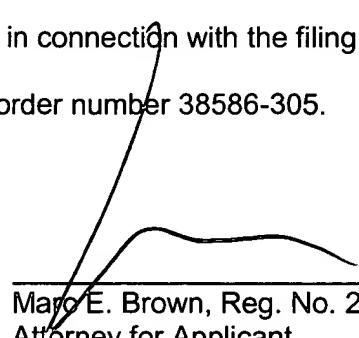
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